

## ANTON U3A

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020 3pm by Zoom

37 members were in attendance

#### 1. Apologies for Absence.

Ann and John Hawke, Katie Crabb, Margaret Avis, Judi Weston, John Adams, Trevor Barrett, Ken and Ann Eaton, Peggy Ellis, John and Maureen Greetham, Betty Ranshaw, Barbie Morey-Stone, Gill Roberts, Robert Kemp, Annie Willens

#### 2. Minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 12 June 2019

Acceptance was proposed by Pete Duncan, seconded by Rosemary Crumplin Clark and agreed unanimously.

#### 3. Chairman's Report

I was notified yesterday of the sad passing of Kevin O'Leary from an aneurism on Sunday. I'm sure you'll all join me in including Carol in our thoughts and prayers. I also found out earlier today that the Rev Roger Bennett passed away at 7.30pm yesterday. Further details for both will be published once they become available.

I have written my Chairman's Report and it is on-line for those who can read it there.

We have said a final goodbye to some old friends during my 2 year tenure and welcomed new ones, hopefully we can all give them the support needed to enjoy Anton U3A and all it can offer once normal service is resumed.

Our finances continue to be well run, Chris taking over from Genny at the last AGM, both of whom have had a good time in office. A quick personal thank you to Paul, our account examiner, who has this past weekend agreed to continue in that post for the next year at least.

Due to the restrictions placed upon us, the committee (hopefully someone else's committee I mean!) has decided that the date we had for the picnic in August is impractical so it was decided to postpone it and possibly hold it in the Autumn. Even if it is held later, I think the general consensus is that the food should continue to be consumed indoors, not so many wasps!

Anyway, I will hang up my microphone and hand over to my successor Stephanie (if indeed she is elected later by you, the members) with mixed emotions. As I said at the start, it's been a busy time.

But in conclusion, I will say a heartfelt thanks to you all, especially to my committee of Stephanie, Clive, Chris, Tessa, Annie, Barbara, Jean, Mary and Wilson. It is those people or their successors who run this U3A and without them, we'd be hard pushed to walk, never mind run!

I now take a back seat in Anton U3A beside my wife Liz and look forward to many years being a member of a successful Anton U3A. Please continue to speak to us but I think you can guess the answer to the question "Pete, would you volunteer for - - -"!

#### **4. Adoption of Accounts**

Chris Coffin presented the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2020.

During the year the Questers bank account was closed, in line with the Committee's request that groups should not keep separate bank accounts.

At the 2019 AGM members of the Questers, Birders and AHA groups asked that we should keep a clear record of how 'their' funds were being kept so the accounts have an extra page showing the receipts and payments of the groups and the support given from general funds towards room hire. The other change is that Jane Leishman took over management of the finances for the Art Group. This group had long been seen as a joint group with the Andover U3A with roughly equal numbers of members coming from each U3A. Previously, its finances had been looked after by an Andover member.

The accounts show a surplus of £753.38 for the year, the two main changes being that those subscriptions for 2020/21 received in March were banked in March, and instead of making an annual payment for the hall hire in January, we are now paying monthly. Against this, we were late in making the gift aid claim until March and payment of the £200 just received will be included in the 2020/21 accounts. I would also point out that though interest rates are historically low we have put more of the funds on deposit with COIF and received almost double the interest!

Readers will see that there is a note on page 3 concerning an outstanding invoice for the Questers hire of a minibus. This happened in February and on the journey the minibus suffered some damage. The invoice has still not been received, and we do not know whether Unity will be able to cover the cost of repair through their insurance or whether they will be looking to us to bear the cost.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Erica Tinsley, seconded by Brenda Hazell and agreed unanimously.

#### **5. Election of Committee and Officers**

**a. Chair**

Stephanie Cox was proposed by Leslie Ward, seconded Genny Cowling and elected unanimously.

**b. Vice-Chair**

Carole Leonard was proposed by Clive Ward, seconded Michael Leonard and elected unanimously.

**c. Treasurer**

Chris Coffin was proposed Bob Leishman, seconded Jane Leishman and elected unanimously.

**d. Secretary**

Clive Ward was proposed by Brenda Mole, seconded Geoff Levy and elected unanimously.

**e. Committee members**

Tessa Cross, Wilson Carson, Mary Taylor, were re-elected to the Committee without contest.

Barbie Morey-Stone, Di Burrows, Anne Bray, were proposed by Erica Tinsley, seconded by Pete Duncan and elected unanimously.

#### **6. Any other business**

Stephanie Cox thanked her predecessor for all his hard work, steering Anton U3A through trials and tribulations and for all his considerable time on the committee in various guises. She thanked all Committee members who were now standing down and welcomed new committee members and wished them well as they assume the role of Trustees.

On behalf of the membership, Lynda Stockings thanked the Committee for their work in keeping U3A viable.

The Secretary asked all members present for ideas about activities that could be safely undertaken to help maintain a sense of community spirit and togetherness while COVID-19 restrictions remain in place.

The meeting closed at 3.50 pm.

Clive Ward  
Anton U3A Secretary

Stephanie Cox  
Anton U3A Chairman